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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJECT:SHIPMENT OF IONOSPHERIC DATA AND EQUIPMENT TO AND
FROM BANGKOK TO NOAA, BOULDER, COLORADO

1. THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN
(1) SHIPPING IONOSPHERIC DATA FROM BANGKOK AND (2) SHIPPING
OF SUPPLIES FROM BOULDER, COLORADO TO BANGKOK.

2. THE NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL AND SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL DATA CENTER (NGSDC) OF NOAA HAS A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH THE APPLIED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THAILAND (ASRCT) IN WHICH ASRCT OPERATES AN IONOSPHERE SOUNDER BELONGING TO NOAA AND HAS AGREED TO TRANSMIT TO NGSDC ROLLS OF IONOGRAM FILM RECORDED FROM 1969 TO THE PRESENT, WEIGHING A TOTAL OF ABOUT 80 KG (175 POUNDS).

3. MR. PRABHAI KEONIL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF ASRCT'S INSTRUMENT REPAIR AND CALIBRATION CENTRE, WOULD LIKE TO TRANSMIT THESE FILMS TO NOAA VIA EMBASSY'S SURFACE POUCH. NOAA IS ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE THESE IMPORTANT DATA AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE. NOAA REQUESTS EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON USE OF POUCH; IF AFFIRMATIVE, PLEASE ADVISE ON PROCEDURES

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TO BE FOLLOWED BY MR. KEONIL. IF CHARGES ARE INVOLVED, THE

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4. EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES FOR OPERATING THE NOAA IONOSONDE WERE PROVIDED BY USAF PRIOR TO THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM THAILAND, AND NOAA MAY SOON TAKE OVER PROVIDING FILM AND REPLACEMENT VACUUM TUBES IF THE OPERATION CONTINUES.

NOAA INQUIRES IF EMBASSY CAN ASSIST WITH THESE SHIPMENTS TO ASRCT; IF AFFIRMATIVE, PLEASE ADVISE ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY NGSDC. KISSINGER

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